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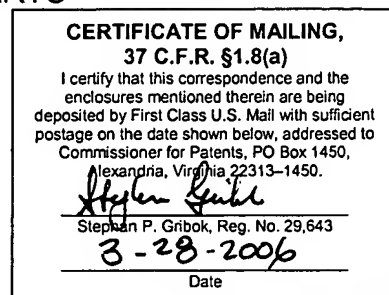
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Concise Explanation of Relevance for Non-English Language Information

Each of the Non-English Language references was mentioned in the International Search Report for corresponding application PCT/EP03/05958, a copy of which is submitted herewith. English language abstracts are appended to each of the Non-English references that do not have substantial English Language equivalents, as follows.

Swiss Patent document No. 501,355-A was cited for Column 4, line 43 and column 5, line 30, respecting claims 1 and 10 of the PCT application. The document was considered an "A" category reference (defining the general state of the art and not considered to be of particular relevance). Swiss Patent 501,355 claims the priority of US SN 04/730,825, issued as U.S. Patent No. 3,600,655 – Karlin, also cited herein.

German Patent document No. 3729911-A was cited as a "Y" category reference (of particular relevance respecting inventive step when combined with one or more other documents) as to claims 1, 2, 4, 10 – 15, and 22 – 28 of Applicant's PCT application. An Abstract in English is attached to the document.

Japanese Patent Abstract document No. 08-207265-A was cited as a "Y" category reference as to claims 1 and 3 of Applicant's PCT application. An Abstract in English is attached to the document.

German Patent document No. 19617355-A was cited as a "Y" category reference, particularly Figure 1, column 2, line 42, and column 3, line 48, which are mentioned with respect to claims 1, 2, 4, 10, 11, and 14 – 20 of Applicant's PCT application. An English Abstract is attached to the document.

German Patent document No. 19807924-A was cited as an "A" category reference respecting claim 1 of Applicant's PCT application. The German document claims priority of US SN 60/040,887, leading to US SN09/026,920 and US Pat. 5,970,865, which is also cited.

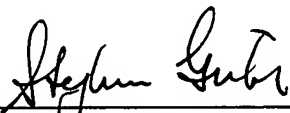
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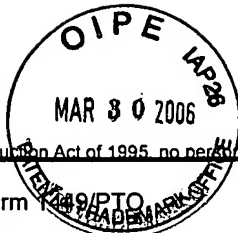
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OTHER (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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